

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejection set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Drawings

The drawing are objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) for the reasons set forth in the Official Action.

Specifically, the Examiner asserts that the “feeding portion” recited in Claim 1; the “developer rotation constraining portion” recited in Claim 3; and the “guiding portion” recited in Claim 6 are not shown in the drawings. It is respectfully submitted that these structures are, in fact, shown in the drawings.

It is noted that the claimed feeding portion generally corresponds to elements 2d-1 and 2d-2 shown in several figures of the drawings. The claimed developer rotation constraining portion, that is, the developer rotational movement constraining portion as recited in the amended claims, generally corresponds to element 2g-2. See Figures 9, 10(A), 10(B) as amended, and 10(C). See also page 45, line 25 *et. seq.* of the specification. The claimed guiding portion generally corresponds to one of the elements 2d-2. See especially, Figure 5. See also page 24, line 20 through page 26, line 15 of the specification.

In addition, a Submission of Corrected Sheet of the Drawings is being filed concurrently herewith in which the lower occurrence of reference character “2g-1” has been changed to --2g-2-- in Figure 10(B) to more closely conform the figure to the specification. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that the objections to the drawings has been overcome.

Specification

The specification has been amended to place it in better form. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Abstract

The Abstract has been amended to more closely conform to amended Claim 1 and otherwise to place it in better form.

Claims Status

Claims 1 through 6 remain pending in the application. Claims 1 through 5 have been amended to even more succinctly define the invention and/or to improve their form. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added. Claim 1 is the only independent claim pending in the application.

Claim Objections

Claims 3 through 5 are objected to for the reasons set forth in the Official Action.

In response, Claims 3 through 5 have been amended *inter alia* to overcome the grounds of the objections. The Examiner's suggested amendatory text for overcoming the objection has been adopted in part. However, the claims have been further amended to even more succinctly define the invention. It is respectfully submitted that the objections have been overcome.

Art Rejection

Claims 1 through 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Patent Document No. 6-102758 (Kimoto, et al.).

The rationale underlying the rejection is succinctly set forth in the Official Action.

Response to Art Rejection

The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended Claim 1 calls for a developer supply container substantially non-rotatably mountable, with a developing device for developing an electrostatic image with a developer, to a rotatable member provided in an image forming apparatus, the developer supply container is adapted to supply a developer into the developing device therefrom with rotation of the rotatable member. The developer supply container includes a container body for containing the developer; a discharging opening, formed in a peripheral surface of the container body, for permitting downward discharge of the developer; a feeding portion, provided on an inside surface of the container body, for feeding the developer in a feeding direction toward the discharge opening with rotation of the rotatable member; and a developer movement constraining portion, provided adjacent to a position opposed to a position of the discharge opening on the inside surface of the container body, independently of the feeding portion, for constraining the developer which is reversed into the container body through the discharge opening when the discharge opening faces upward with rotation of the rotatable member, from moving in a direction opposite to the feeding direction.

Kimoto, et al. discloses an apparatus comprising an image forming unit 1 including a developing device, a toner supply device 2 for supplying a developer, and a toner bottle 4 for supplying the developer to the toner supply device. With rotation of the toner bottle 4, a helical guide portion 9 continuously formed in the toner bottle 4 feeds the developer to the toner discharge opening 10 in the bottle. Figure 3 discloses a metering portion 16 adjacent the toner discharge opening 10.

However, the developing device disclosed in Kimoto, et al. is not provided in a rotatable member together with the developer supply container. Therefore, the developing device of Kimoto, et al. does not rotate as in the present invention.

Further, the metering portion 16 of Kimoto, et al. is disposed adjacent to the toner discharge opening 10 and is not a developer movement constraining portion provided adjacent a position opposed to a position of the discharge opening on the inside surface of the container body, independently of the feeding portion, for constraining the developer which is reversed into the container body through the discharge opening when the discharge opening faces upward with rotation of the rotatable member, from moving in a direction opposite to the feeding direction as recited in amended Claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that Kimoto, et al. does not disclose features of amended Claim 1 and does not anticipate the claimed invention.

Dependent Claims

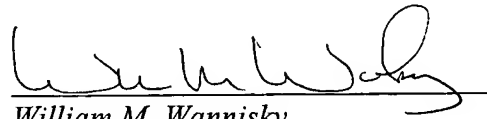
Claims 2 through 6 depend either directly or indirectly from Claim 1 and are allowable by virtue of their dependency and in their own right for further defining Applicants' invention. Individual consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

Closing Comments

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are allowable over the art of record and that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application are earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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